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REMARKS

Examiner Talbot has rejected the originally filed claims 1-13 of the present application. For the reasons which follow, applicant respectfully traverses this rejection of the Examiner. The applicant does, however, wish to extend appreciation to Examiner Talbot for the quite detailed review of the claims of the present invention leading to the finding of patentable subject matter of the originally filed claims of the present application and an indication of the allowability of claims 14 if rewritten.

The specification and claim 1 (incorporated into claim 8) and claim 9 (and 14) have been amended to overcome the objections thereto. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 3, 6 and 11 have been amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claim 14 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of claims 9 and 13 as originally filed. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claim 14 and the claims which depend therefrom are in condition for allowance for the reasons previously recognized by Examiner Talbot. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 8 and 9 have been amended to recite different density spring sections to distinguish over the prior art. The present invention is advantageous allowing the reduction of the number of components and for ease of assembly. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 8 and 9 and the claims which depend therefrom have been overcome. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has cited the United States patents and publication listed in NOTICE OF REFERENCES CITED as A-C and E-G and indicated consideration of the United States patents cited by applicant. By the lack of application of these references and others like them within the classes or subclasses searched, the Examiner apparently recognizes the clear patentability of the present invention over any of these references.

Therefore, since the claims of the present application have been shown to include limitations directed to the features of applicant's chuck device for miniature tool bits which are neither shown, described, taught, nor alluded to in any of the references cited by the Examiner and by the applicant, whether those references are taken singly or in any combination, the

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Examiner is requested to allow claims 2-20, as amended, of the present application and to pass this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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